

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82B-32a

Building Date: 1920

Building Name: Burns Wilson House

Location: 12804 Croom Road, Naylor

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description:

The Burns Wilson House is a one-and-one-half story bungalow, square in plan, three-by-four bays, situated in a cluster of trees just northeast of the Burns Wilson Shop building. The four bay south facade has entrance in the first and fourth bays through 5-panel doors. Windows are 2/2 sash with wood surrounds and sills. The screened entrance porch is sheltered by the roofslope of the main block. The roof rests on square posts with capital and base molding and corner boards. A shed roof dormer is centered above the entrance facade. The house is of poured cement construction, the roof covered with asphalt shingle. The eaves have a deep overhang. Foundation windows are visible on the gable ends. The north (rear) facade is dominated by a two-by-one bay, hipped roof cement block addition. The interior of the house has a four-room square plan. The two entrances enter the kitchen and dining room. The northeast room contains a stair to the second floor. Door and window surrounds are walnut, of plain board with corner blocks. A crown molded picture rail circles each room. There are many and varied mature trees surrounding the house including cypress trees, blue spruces, a cedar, two scotch pines and English boxwood.

Significance:

The Burns Wilson House and Shop are significant for their vernacular architecture and for their connection with their builder, David Burns Wilson (1890-1973), well known in the southeastern county area as a handy man. Wilson acquired one acre of property in Naylor from Maria A. Duvall in 1920. He seemed to have a genius for making and repairing things. Before he married, he had worked out of a shop on his family's homestead (P.G. #87A-27). He built the shop building and his house in Naylor shortly after 1920. The shop is of lumber from the Wilson farm on Mill Town Landing Road, sawed in the sawmill there. In style it is a simple, functional building with no architectural embellishments. It presently is unused and deteriorating. The house, a small bungalow constructed of poured concrete, has walnut interior wood work made by Wilson. It is also simple in plan and construction materials, and is presently inhabited by two of Wilson's children.

Acreage: 1 acre

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Burns Wilson House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 12804 Croom Road (Maryland Route 382) ___ not for publication

city, town Naylor ___ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David and Fannie Wilson

street & number 12804 Croom Road telephone no.:

city, town Naylor, state and zip code MD. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5774

street & number Main Street folio 292

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Rm. 4010, CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Burns Wilson House is a one-and-one-half story bungalow, square in plan, three-by-four bays, of poured cement construction. It is situated in a cluster of trees just northeast of the Brookfield Methodist Church, and the Burns Wilson Shop building.

The four bay south (main) facade has entrance in the first and fourth bays through 5-panel doors. Windows are 2/2 double-hung-sash with wood surrounds and sills. The four-bay screened entrance porch is sheltered by the extended roofslope of the main block. The porch roof rests on square posts with capital and base molding and corner boards. The porch is supported on cement piers interspaced with wood lattice. A shed roof dormer with a double three-light casement window is centered above the entrance facade. A brick chimney rises from the north corner of the dormer.

The house is of poured cement construction, built up in horizontal layers. The upper gable ends are covered with blue asphalt shingle, the roof covered with grey asphalt shingle. The eaves have a deep overhang. Foundation windows are visible on the east and west gable ends. The north (rear) facade is dominated by a two-by-one bay, hipped roof cement block addition with a north end exterior brick chimney.

The interior of the Burns Wilson House has a four-room square plan. The two south entrances enter the kitchen and a dining room. The northeast room contains a stair to the second floor. Door and window surrounds are walnut, of plain board with corner blocks. A crown molded picture rail circles each room. The walls are of plaster over cement, the plaster has sustained much damage from moisture.

There are many and varied mature trees surrounding the house. Four tall cypress trees were planted, one for each of Burns Wilson's children. There are also blue spruces, a cedar, two scotch pines and overgrown English boxwood.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				Local History

Specific dates 1920 Builder/Architect Burns Wilson

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Burns Wilson House and Shop are significant for their vernacular architecture and for their connection with their builder, David Burns Wilson (1890-1973). Wilson was well known in the southeastern county area as a fix-it and handy man.

Because his wife was from Naylor, Wilson acquired one acre of property in Naylor from Maria A. Duvall in 1920.¹ Wilson made a living repairing cars, blacksmithing, wood and metal working. He seemed to have a genius for making and repairing things.² Before he married, he had worked out of a shop on his family's homestead on Mill Town Landing Road (P.G. #87A-27). He built the shop building and his house in Naylor with the assistance of his father and brother, shortly after 1920. The shop is of lumber from the Wilson farm on Mill Town Landing Road, sawed in the sawmill on that property.³ It is furnished with built-in drawers and shelving Wilson made to hold tools and parts. In style it is a simple, functional building with no architectural embellishments. It presently is unused and in deteriorating condition.

The Wilson house, a small bungalow constructed of layers of poured concrete, has walnut interior wood work made by Wilson. The house is also simple in plan and construction materials. It is presently owned and inhabited by two of Wilson's children.

Notes

¹ Land Records of Prince George's County, 163:282.

² Interview with Fannie L. Wilson, April 1986; and obituary in the Marlboro Enquirer Gazette, Thursday, April 26, 1973.

³ Ibid.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Map 138, Parcel 41

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro A

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting	Northing							

B

Zone	Easting	Northing							

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date August 1986street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-3520city or town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

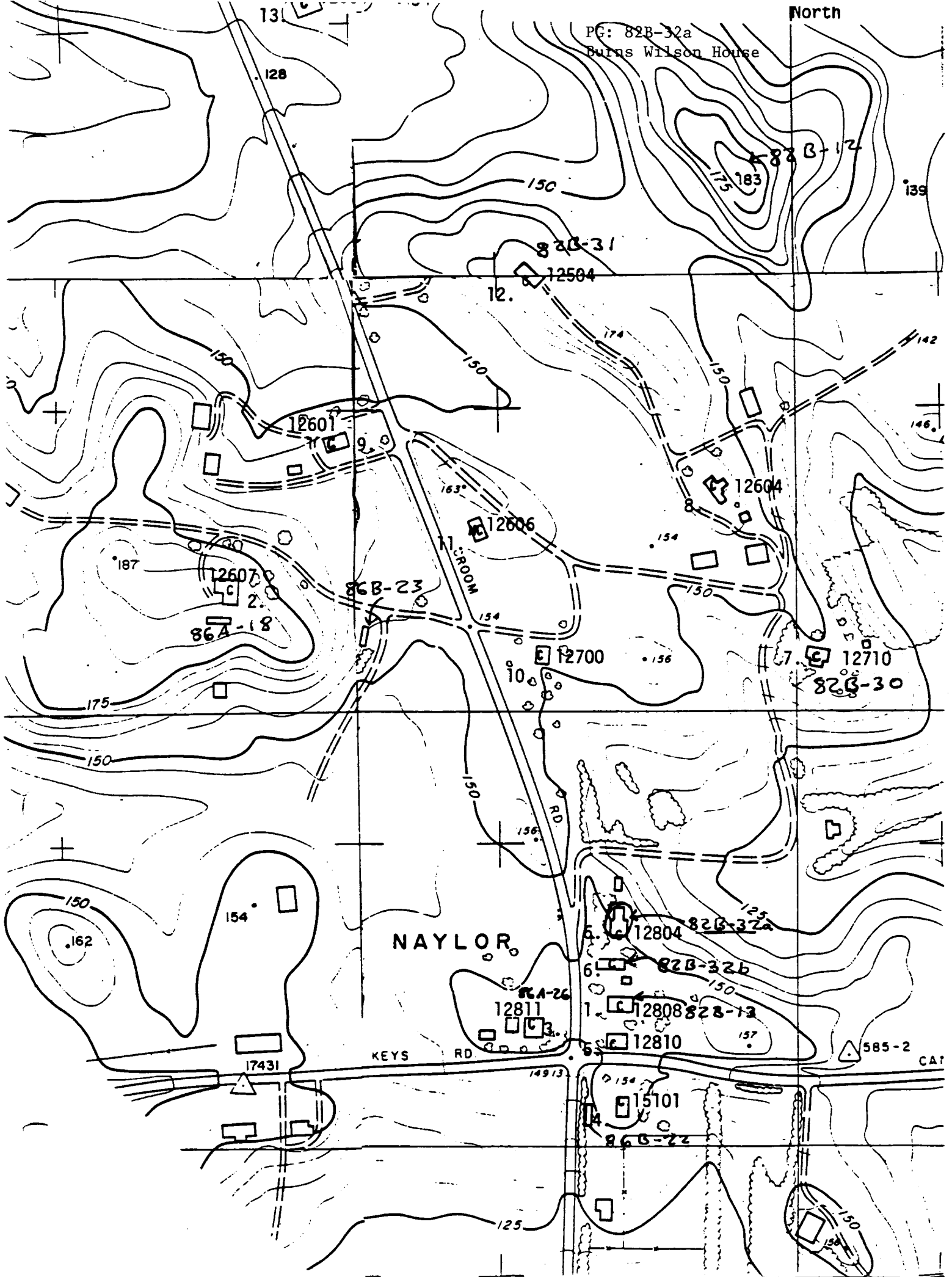
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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title

Burns Wilson House and Shop
P.G. #82B-32 a

5774:292 11 Oct 1983 Deed	Henrietta W. Peterson and Marie E. Litterer to David Burns Wilson and Fannie L. Wilson. For \$1,000 grantors convey that tract in the 4th District, Lot 3 of Maria A. Duvall property. Contains 1 acre. Life tenant Ruth M. Wilson died November 19, 1980. Same described 4707:305.
4707:305 18 Dec 1976 Deed	Ruth Marie Wilson to David Burns Wilson, Fannie L. Wilson, Marie E. Litterer, Henrietta W. Peterson. For \$10 grantor conveys to second and third party a life estate and to fourth and fifth parties as tenants in common that parcel of 1 acre described in deed, 163:282.
163:282 16 Sept 1920 Deed	Maria A. Duvall to William Burns Wilson and Ruth M. Wilson. For \$10 grantor conveys that parcel, a part of land grantor obtained from Joseph B. Duvall and wife, August 11, 1914, 99:261. One acre.
99:261 11 Aug 1914 Deed	Joseph B. Duvall and Elizabeth W. Duvall to Maria A. Duvall. Lot #3 in partition of the property of the late William E. Duvall.

North



J. L. TUCKER, JR.
5381 / 281
5.00 A.
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ELSIE
DUVALL
2 A
P. 39

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1.00 A.
P. 20

LOT 1
8584

RENE GRACE
5687 / 378
35.85 A.
P. 80

O-S

DAVID D.
DUVALL
5354/441
5.30 A.
P. 70

ANONA D. DUVALL
384 / 209
46.48 A
P/O P. 38

● 82B-31

15.00 A.
P. 23

62A
P. 45

R. E.
GRACE

J. B. L. ALL
3156/112
2.88 A.
P. 49

5263/
863
2.38
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MAP 137-P. 31

BERNARD D. DUVALL
4210/502
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MARIA SUB.
LOT 1

121052

NAYLOR

JOSEPH B. DUVALL
5354/448
5975/057
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LOT 2
8599

CANDY HILL

JAMES B. NAYLOR
5162/062
3.00 A
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CANDY HILL RD.

9126

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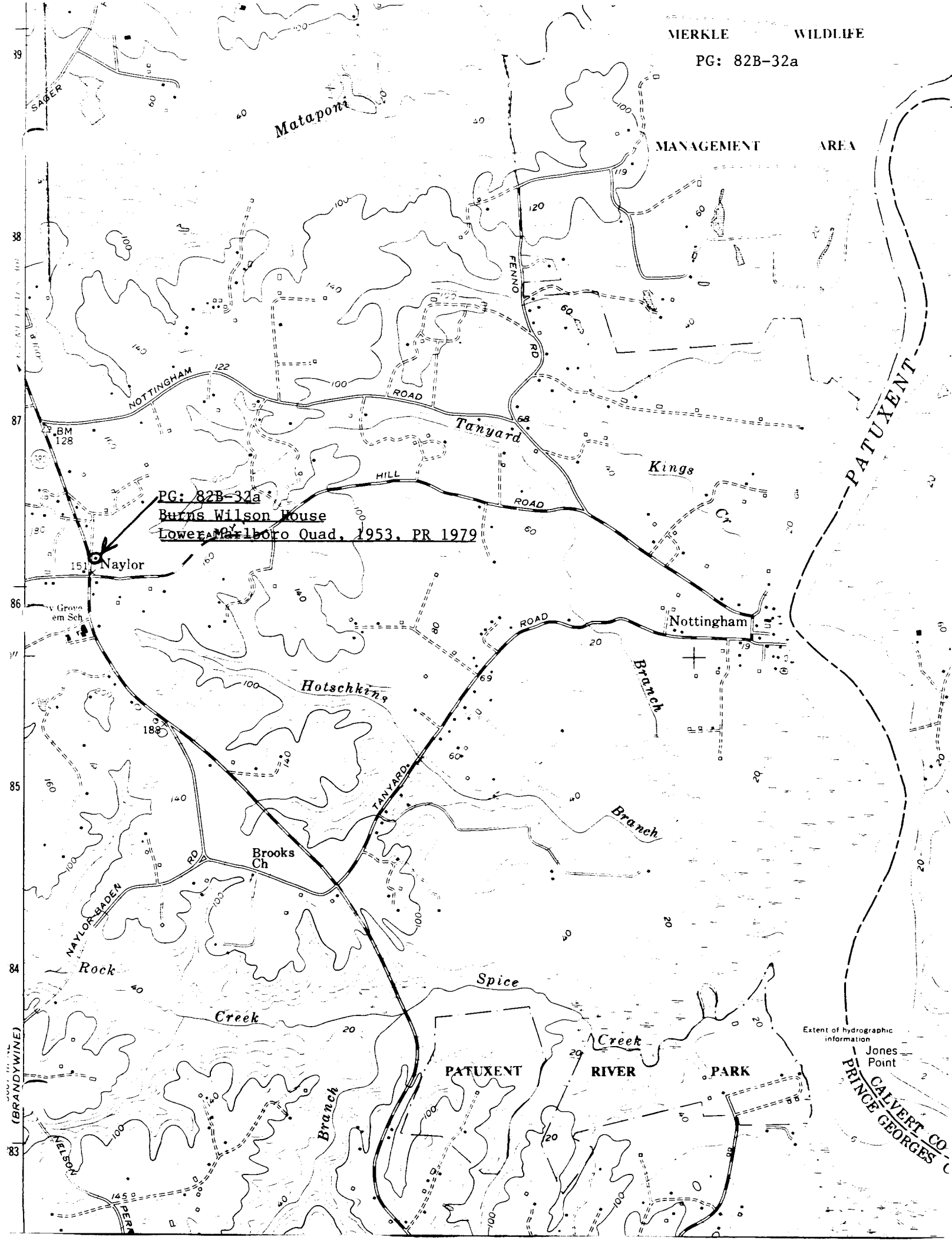
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PG: 82B-32a
 Burns Wilson House
 Lower Marlboro Quad, 1953, PR 1979

Extent of hydrographic information

Jones Point

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Burns Wilson House
Prince George's County
Marina King
April 1986
Southwest elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Burns Wilson House
Prince George's County
Marina King
April 1986
South elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#82B-32a

Burns Wilson House
Prince George's County
Marina King
April 1986
West elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#82B-32a

Burns Wilson House
Prince George's County
Marina King
April 1986
East elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Burns Wilson House
Prince George's County
Marina King
April 1986
North addition, west elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD